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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains estimates of wage and salary earners in civilian employment in Western Australia for the month of June of each year from 1974 to 1979. For comparative purposes, estimates for Australia for June 1974 and June 1979 are also included. Estimates for each month are available on application to this Office.

The estimates, except those relating to government employment (Table 2), are based on comprehensive data, referred to as 'Benchmarks', derived by analysing data from the Population Census of 30 June 1976 and other relevant sources such as the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month to month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. The figures used for this purpose are obtained from three main sources: (i) pay-roll tax returns, which are currently lodged by all employers paying more than \$60,000 per year in wages, other than those specifically exempted under the pay-roll tax legislation; (ii) returns from government bodies; and (iii) some other returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals). The balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated.

The figures relate only to employed civilian wage and salary earners, not to the total labour force. They therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers, members of the defence forces and the unemployed. Employees in agriculture and in private domestic service are not included in the estimates because the available data are inadequate.

The estimated monthly changes are derived mainly from returns from employers relating to establishments or enterprises, while the benchmark figures were derived from particulars recorded for individuals on population census schedules, which do not in all cases provide sufficiently

precise information to allow accurate coding of industry. Industry dissections of the census totals of wage and salary earners were therefore adjusted to make them consistent as far as possible with industry coding at the establishment level.

Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the pay-roll for the last pay-period in each month. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' pay-rolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

The industry classification used throughout this bulletin is the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition), 1969, Volume 1. This classification differs from that adopted for population censuses before 1971 and the estimates by industry contained herein are not directly comparable with estimates by industry shown in issues of this publication prior to 1976.

As the results of each successive population census become available it is the practice to derive from them new benchmarks for the monthly employment series, and to revise the published estimates for all periods subsequent to the date of the previous census.

Employees of government and semi-government authorities are included in the figures shown in Table 1. Estimates of the numbers employed by Australian Government, State Government and local government authorities are available separately and are shown in Table 2.

Revision of Series

This bulletin was previously published on 19 September 1979 and the employment estimates therein were based on benchmarks derived from the 1971 Census of Population. Since then the benchmarks have been revised and based on data derived from the 1976 Census of Population. Because of this change it has been necessary to extensively revise the previous estimates.

Related Publications

Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

AUSTRALIA -	Catalogue No.
Employed Wage and Salary Earners: Australia (preliminary)	6212.0
Employment and Unemployment	6213.0
Employed Wage and Salary Earners	6214.0

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office. Further information about Western Australian publications may be obtained from *List of Publications* (1101.5), which is available from this Office.

Symbols and Other Usages

* Affected by industrial disputes.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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No. 1 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: INDUSTRY

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(Excludes defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

(Thousand)

Industry group and sub-group	Western Australia						Australia	
	June 1974	June 1975	June 1976	June 1977	June 1978	June 1979	June 1974	June 1979
MALES								
Forestry, fishing and hunting	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	14.5	14.2
Mining	19.0	20.3	19.6	20.5	18.7	*16.4	71.1	*70.5
Manufacturing	53.8	53.5	55.0	54.8	54.0	53.3	968.9	871.2
Electricity, gas, water	6.2	6.7	6.6	7.2	7.5	7.6	91.0	97.6
Construction	33.0	35.5	32.1	31.9	32.0	29.2	379.5	325.7
Wholesale and retail trade -								
Wholesale trade	22.5	21.5	22.4	22.4	22.2	22.0	257.8	247.7
Retail trade -								
Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	13.2	12.4	13.2	13.7	13.4	13.1	141.6	138.1
Other retail trade	11.6	11.7	12.5	14.0	14.1	14.1	173.3	180.9
Transport and storage	21.6	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.1	234.4	233.8
Communication	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	96.0	94.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	15.5	15.2	15.1	15.6	15.9	16.1	217.6	218.0
Public administration and defence	13.8	14.5	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.2	142.9	156.8
Community services -								
Health	6.7	7.2	7.7	8.2	8.8	9.2	64.8	84.5
Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	9.3	9.9	10.5	11.6	12.2	12.8	108.1	138.4
Other	7.7	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.8	9.4	99.4	109.5
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	8.6	9.4	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.1	111.7	123.6
Total	252.3	257.1	257.6	263.3	263.1	*258.4	3,172.6	*3,105.2
FEMALES								
Forestry, fishing and hunting	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.3
Mining	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	5.5	6.3
Manufacturing	12.8	11.7	12.1	11.8	11.4	11.6	374.8	293.6
Electricity, gas, water	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	9.1	10.0
Construction	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	20.6	20.4
Wholesale and retail trade -								
Wholesale trade	9.9	9.3	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.5	105.1	93.4
Retail trade -								
Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	30.9	29.3
Other retail trade	27.3	26.0	26.0	26.9	27.7	28.2	294.7	308.2
Transport and storage	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	38.4	40.9
Communication	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	29.5	30.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	14.7	14.3	15.0	16.0	16.4	16.9	195.6	206.2
Public administration and defence	7.3	8.2	8.6	8.7	9.2	9.4	76.1	98.5
Community services -								
Health	25.5	26.9	28.3	29.9	31.2	31.2	240.2	296.3
Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	13.8	15.8	16.9	18.5	19.4	19.9	167.1	217.7
Other	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.2	45.9	50.6
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	16.1	16.1	15.9	15.7	15.8	15.5	170.5	173.3
Total	143.1	144.1	148.2	153.1	156.6	158.2	1,805.3	1,876.1

No. 1 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: INDUSTRY (continued)

(Excludes defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

(Thousand)

Industry group and sub-group	Western Australia						Australia	
	June 1974	June 1975	June 1976	June 1977	June 1978	June 1979	June 1974	June 1979
PERSONS								
Forestry, fishing and hunting	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	15.6	15.5
Mining	20.8	22.5	21.7	22.8	20.9	*18.7	76.6	*76.7
Manufacturing	66.6	65.2	67.1	66.7	65.4	64.9	1,343.8	1,164.8
Electricity, gas, water	6.7	7.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.2	100.1	107.6
Construction	34.8	37.2	33.9	33.8	33.9	31.0	400.1	346.1
Wholesale and retail trade -								
Wholesale trade	32.4	30.8	31.8	31.3	30.8	30.5	362.9	341.1
Retail trade -								
Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	16.1	15.1	16.0	16.7	16.3	16.1	172.4	167.4
Other retail trade	38.9	37.8	38.4	40.8	41.7	42.3	468.0	489.1
Transport and storage	24.5	24.3	24.5	24.4	24.4	24.1	272.8	274.7
Communication	10.2	10.3	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.7	125.5	124.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	30.2	29.5	30.2	31.6	32.4	33.1	413.2	424.2
Public administration and defence	21.1	22.7	23.3	23.5	24.2	24.6	219.0	255.3
Community services -								
Health	32.3	34.1	36.0	38.1	40.0	40.3	305.0	380.8
Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	23.1	25.7	27.3	30.1	31.6	32.7	275.2	356.0
Other	10.9	11.3	11.5	12.1	12.7	13.6	145.3	160.1
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	24.8	25.4	24.9	24.8	25.1	24.6	282.2	296.8
Total	395.5	401.2	405.8	416.5	419.8	*416.6	4,977.8	*4,981.3

NO. 2 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: CLASS OF EMPLOYER
(Thousands)

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Class of employer	Western Australia						Australia	
	June 1974	June 1975	June 1976	June 1977	June 1978	June 1979	June 1974	June 1979
MALES								
Private	173.3	173.4	175.2	179.1	177.3	*172.5	2,275.3	*2,140.8
Government (a)								
Australian	16.3	16.8	16.6	16.4	16.3	16.2	270.4	(b)282.1
State	56.3	58.1	59.1	61.1	62.2	62.4	528.1	579.5
Local	6.5	8.8	6.7	6.7	7.3	7.3	98.8	102.8
Total	252.3	257.1	257.6	263.3	263.1	*258.4	3,172.6	*3,105.2
FEMALES								
Private	104.1	101.5	103.6	105.4	106.4	106.6	1,367.7	1,325.4
Government (a)								
Australian	6.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.9	108.3	(b)123.7
State	31.6	34.4	36.6	39.8	41.7	43.0	311.4	402.3
Local	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	17.9	24.7
Total	143.1	144.1	148.2	153.1	156.6	158.2	1,805.3	1,876.1
PERSONS								
Private	277.4	274.9	278.8	284.5	283.8	*279.1	3,642.9	*3,466.2
Government (a)								
Australian	22.5	23.6	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.1	378.7	(b)405.8
State	87.9	92.5	95.7	100.9	103.9	105.4	839.5	981.8
Local	7.7	10.2	8.0	8.2	8.9	9.0	116.7	127.5
Total	395.5	401.2	405.8	416.5	419.8	*416.6	4,977.8	*4,981.3

(a) Government employees comprise not only administrative employees, but also all other employees, within Australia, of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities), radio and television, police, public works, factories, departmental hospitals and institutions, etc. The figures exclude members of the permanent defence forces and employees engaged in agriculture. (b) Includes Northern Territory Public Service.

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